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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2012

Approved
10/29/2012

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Michael Johnson, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Carla Bailey, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Miki Jackson	Jane Nachazel
Al Ballesteros	Whitney Engeran-Cordova		Glenda Pinney
Aaron Fox	Angélica Palmeros		James Stewart
Brad Land	Mario Pérez		Craig Vincent-Jones
Ted Liso/James Chud	Karen Peterson		
Jenny O'Malley	Fariba Younai		
Juan Rivera			DHSP STAFF
Stephen Simon			None

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1) **Agenda:** Executive Committee Meeting Agenda, 8/27/2012

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order (*Passed by Consensus*).
- 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**
MOTION #2: Approve the Executive Committee Meeting minutes (*Postponed*).
- 4. PARLIAMENTARIAN REMARKS:** There were no remarks.
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
- 6. COMMISSION COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
- 7. CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:**
 - A. Annual Meeting:** Mr. Johnson reported the work group would meet after the Executive Committee meeting.
 - B. Strategic Planning:**
 - Mr. Johnson reported the work group discussed Executive Director and Co-Chair succession planning. It is important for committee co-chairs to identify and mentor leaders to ensure smooth transitions as needed.
 - It will continue work 8/30/2012 to prioritize Commission goals within the transition to managed care, e.g., maintaining Standards of Care. Dr. Christina Ghaly and Irene Dyer, Department of Health Services (DHS), informed the Commission and stakeholders on a Disease Management Registry for the Low Income Health Program (LIHP) and other plans.
 - Mr. Johnson noted it was important to ensure the Commission continued within the County whether or not Ryan White (RW) was reauthorized. Working more closely with DHS now supports that continuing relationship.

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8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A. **Commission Work Plan:** Mr. Vincent-Jones continues to work on a longer-term work plan.
- B. **Monthly Priority Task List:** Mr. Vincent-Jones reported his priorities this month are completing the Standards of Care, the Commission Work Plan and the summary for the Ryan White Reauthorization Principles.
- C. **Commission Meeting Agenda:** Mr. Vincent-Jones reported the Agenda will reflect routine standing items.

9. DIVISION OF HIV/STD PROGRAMS (DHSP) REPORT:

A. LIHP Status Update:

- Mr. Johnson spoke with a Long Beach Healthy Way LA (HWLA) clinic enrollment worker who said only a small number of people were found eligible and enrolled there. Mr. Rivera reported 333 PWH were enrolled overall in July 2012. Eligible General Relief (GR) clients were also auto-enrolled 7/1/2012. HWLA has 90,000 HIV+ and non-HIV+ patients enrolled to date.
- GR screening occurs each six months and has the same requirements as HWLA. Auto-enrollment may be an issue for HIV+ patients as they may be auto-enrolled at a medical home and associated pharmacy different from their own.
- Mr. Fox said the County erred in auto-enrolling PWH with RW receiving GR and is correcting that. They were to be enrolled in HWLA at annual ADAP recertification as they had had medical care which was disrupted by auto-enrollment.
- Ms. Jackson had heard from a non-AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) client who was unable to get his medications due to the change and had had to pay for a month's worth. Mr. Rivera commented DHSP is trying to resolve issues, but many IT systems, such as for the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), are slow. Mr. Vincent-Jones said we knew there would be discontinuity of care issues. They should be addressed one by one quickly to maintain care.
- ➡ Mr. Vincent-Jones will invite Quentin O'Brien to present to the Commission on the migration to LIHP.
- ➡ Ms. Jackson will contact Mr. Vega-Matos to report the person's medication issue.
- ➡ Mr. Vincent-Jones will review and update patient information materials.

10. TASK FORCE REPORTS:

A. Comprehensive HIV Planning Task Force:

1. Planning Body Unification:

- Mr. Vincent-Jones presented a memorandum supporting unification in public comment at the Prevention Planning Committee (PPC). It was referred to the next PPC Steering Committee meeting on 8/31/2012. He will also attend that meeting. He felt most Commission and PPC members are on the same page. The past year both bodies have effectively addressed issues as a single HIV response.
- His main concern is not active resistance, but lack of action to move the idea forward. He has talked with DHSP. They were not opposed, but have chosen to stay out of the dialogue to ensure community leadership.
- Should unification move forward, as is probable, the Commission will need to change its Ordinance.
- He recommends the PPC refer the subject to the TF as it is familiar with joint planning. If that occurs the Commission may need to assign another TF co-chair. New Commissioner Christopher Brown was previously the Chicago grantee so he would be a good alternative.
- Mr. Land felt it would be helpful to begin discussing potential staffing structure with DHSP as well as membership structure. Mr. Vincent-Jones said it was too early. Staffing would not be an issue, but membership is more complicated. While DHSP could simply make the necessary changes, unification will be more organic if discussion evolves naturally.

2. Goals and Objectives:

- Mr. Liso felt Commission and PPC members worked together as one with Diane Burbie's assistance. The TF developed five goals and will meet 8/30/2012 to work on objectives. Mr. Vincent-Jones said it was telling that the TF did not start with the National HIV/AIDS Strategy goals, but sought to identify local needs. Nevertheless, the result was consistent with NHAS which confirmed the validity of the NHAS planning process.
- He added Commission/PPC representation was about equal and there was none of the historical tension.

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11. CAUCUS REPORTS:

A. Consumer Caucus:

- Mr. Liso reported Irene Dyer, DHS, attended the 8/23/2012 meeting and received consumer input. Mr. Vincent-Jones said the Joint Public Policy (JPP) Committee also provided good input. The two reflect the Commission's advisory value. DHS will present on the new HIV-specific category of the 1115 Waiver to the Commission once the plan is approved.
- ➡ Ms. Nachazel will do a summary of the Consumer Caucus meeting in addition to the JPP minutes in order to capture commitments from DHS staff to implement various projects that are not in the official 1115 Waiver Plan.

1. *International AIDS Conference (IAC)*:

- Mr. Land reported there was much to learn and attendees split up to cover as much as possible. He was especially struck by the opportunity to hear international perspectives on such topics as global economics, unification of prevention and care, HIV and aging, needle exchange and condoms among others.
- ➡ Messrs. Land and Liso will meet with other consumer attendees to develop a format and report on IAC.

- B. Latino Caucus:** Mr. Vincent-Jones reported the Caucus has held two five-hour meetings to revise Special Population Guidelines. They will also review Latino Task Force recommendations to select priorities for the Commission and as the basis for their work plan. Regular meetings will be the third Friday of the month and will be two hours.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Priorities and Planning (P&P) Committee:** Mr. Land reported P&P would meet 8/28/2012 and finalize directives for the next Commission meeting. Mr. Johnson complimented P&P's preparation, attention to issues and consensus building. Since he joined the Commission in 2007, it was the first time he recalled Priorities and Allocations were adopted by consensus.
- B. Joint Public Policy (JPP) Committee:** Mr. Fox noted the main subject of the 8/22/2012 meeting, the 1115 Waiver, has been discussed. The planned call on JPP's first priority, routine testing, and the special legislative session has been rescheduled.
- C. Operations Committee:**
- Ms. O'Malley reported Operations met that morning. It recommended moving Joseph Green from the Alternate to the full Consumer SPA 4 seat and renewal of Abad Lopez for the Consumer SPA 2 seat.
 - Work continues to recruit new members. Mr. Vincent-Jones said, other than consumers, most seats are filled or candidates are pending. The largest gap and recruitment focus is for consumers.
 - Mr. Johnson asked if a "Medi-Cal light" candidate might be recruited in lieu of the difficulty in filling the Medi-Cal seat. Mr. Vincent-Jones said the Ordinance does not permit that now, but it could be considered while other revisions, such as for consumer stipends, are being addressed. Ms. Jackson suggested establishing an advisory group with expertise in needed areas. It need not be as formal as a task force, but members might be available by phone or email.
 - Ms. O'Malley said the next focus for Operations will be developing the orientation process.
- D. Standards of Care (SOC) Committee:** Mr. Vincent-Jones noted there will be Expert Review Panels (ERPs) for Vision Services in September 2012 and for Linkage To Care in December 2012. SOC is also finishing Standards of Care publication, revising the continuum of care per the Comprehensive HIV Planning Task Force, and completing Special Population Guidelines.

13. NEXT STEPS: There was no additional discussion.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Jackson noted there is a world-wide syphilis outbreak. She felt the Department of Public Health (DPH) should intervene quickly in lieu of how fast infections travel. While the rest of the world is proactive, here the pornography industry silenced the Sexually Transmitted Disease Director and his planned interview was cancelled. In Budapest, outbreak origin, the pornography industry was shut down and the government is doing stepped vaccinations. There are two health agencies testing in the local pornography industry. One is averse to cooperating with DPH. The other is not. DPH has not, to her knowledge, taken an emergency position.

15. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.